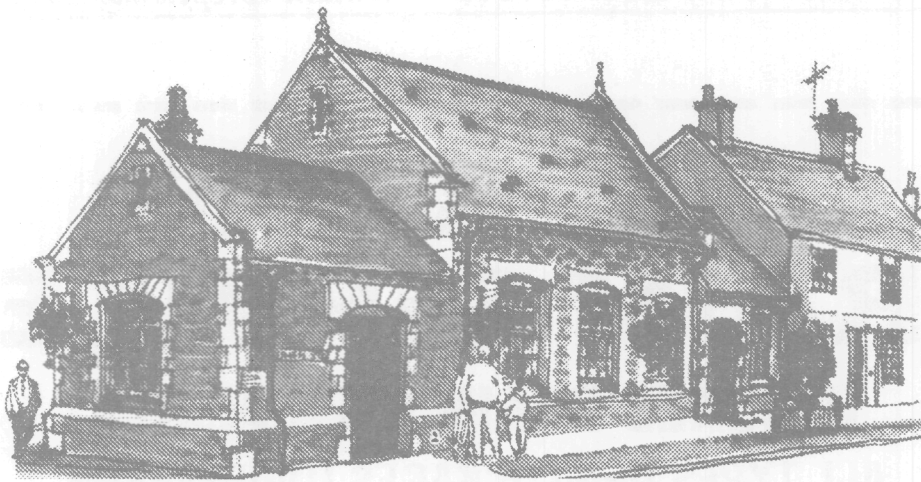


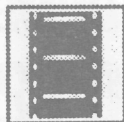
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EDITORIAL

Eight months ago, after almost four years as Editor of the DN, I decided it was time I took a break. Time for a different (younger?) voice to sum-up the month's events on this page. There would be no difficulty in finding a successor - best volunteer job in the Parish: a privilege: dozens of people itching to take over and innovate. Selfish to carry on. Well, it hasn't turned out like that. No one has come forward and unless this changes, December's DN could well be the last issue. Do you really want this to happen? Please, look at your schedules and see if you can't find three or four days a month to work with the excellent people listed at the top of this page and ensure that the Parish remains informed and that its activities are recorded. I wrote in my first editorial: *carpe DN*. Do just that. You won't regret it.

Albert Humphries retired on October 31 after 33 years with the Oxfordshire Fire Service, 19 of them as Officer in charge of Deddington's Station. There will be a presentation on Nov. 17 at the Windmill and next month we print the DN's own appreciation of the person Molly Neild calls, "our Albert".

Another retiree is David Blakey, the Clerk to the Parish. The DN would like to join with the PC in thanking David for his years of service. We look forward to working with his successor, Jane Plummer.

November 11 is Remembrance Sunday. Attitudes to war may have changed (?) over the last century: our respect for courage hasn't. Ruth Johnson's *Gleanings* record the joy surrounding those who return from battle. Bill Drake poignantly sums up the bleakness for those who don't.

We print the updated *Contacts* page this month. A simple list to compile? Jean Flux spends hours checking the facts and making sure we abide by current data protection legislation. Thank you, Jean. K.T.

Fridays: Coffee morning in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10 - 12.

Fridays: Babies and Toddler Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30 - 11.30 am.

Fridays, Bridge Club, The Holly Tree, 2-5 pm.

Fridays: British Legion, Prize Bingo and "Play Your Cards Right" at 8 pm

NOVEMBER DIARY

- Sat 3 Deddington Ladies Christmas Bazaar, Holly Tree, 2 pm.
- Sat 3 Primary School PTA. Fireworks and Sideshows. School ground. Gates open 6 pm. (p.3)
- Sat 3 British Legion, Halloween Disco, Fancy Dress, 8.45 pm.
- Sun 4 Boys Brigade Church Parade, 10.15 am. (p.7)
- Mon 5 Monday Morning Club coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10 am - noon. (p.8)
- Wed 7 Friendship Club: Speaker from Age Concern, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
- Wed 7 Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8 pm.
- Fri 9 Deddington Babies & Toddlers Christmas Fair, Windmill Centre. (p.8)
- Sun 11 Annual Service of Remembrance. Royal British Legion Parade from Bull Ring, 10.45 am. (p.8)
- Tue 13 WI: *Fire Safety in the Home*, Mr Paul Bramble. Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. (p.8)
- Wed 14 Dedd History Society, Barry David on *Bells & Bell Ringers*, Windmill, 7.30 pm. (p.8)
- Wed 14 British Legion: Ladies Night, 7.30 pm.
- Fri 16 Deddington Beeches Bowls Club Quiz Night, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm (p.7)
- Fri 16 Guiding Awareness Evening. For the Dedd. area. Duns Tew Village Hall 7.30 pm. (p. 10)
- Tue 20 **COPY DATE FOR DECEMBER DEDDINGTON NEWS**
- Wed 21 Friendship Club: Open Meeting, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm. (p 8)
- Wed 21 Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
- Sat 24 Deddington Market.Am. Market Place.
- Sat 24 Banbury Symphony Orchestra Concert, Parish Church, 7.30 pm.

DECEMBER DIARY

- Sat 1 Deddington Ladies Christmas Lunch for the Over-60s, Holly Tree, 12.30 pm.
- Sun 2 *Advent Carols By Candlelight*, Chorus Concert, Parish Church, 6.30 pm.
- Mon 3 Monday Morning Club: Christmas Lunch at NOC restaurant, noon for 12.30. (p.8)
- Wed 5 Friendship Club: Christmas Party, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Note of meeting 17 Oct 2001, Town Hall

Attended by Cllrs Clinch (chair), Bell, Clarke, Cosgrove, Cox, Davies, Hart, Haslam, Newey, Swash, Walker, the Clerk, D/Cllr O'Sullivan, and 4 members of the public.

NEW CLERK

The Chairman thanked the Clerk, David Blakey, for his 10 years' excellent service to the PC and the Parish, and welcomed Jane Plummer, who takes over at the end of October.

UPPER HEYFORD

Deddington Health Centre is already taking on patients from Upper Heyford, and there will be many more as the former airbase is developed for housing. Cllrs Clinch and Cox will discuss potential problems with the Practice. Public Inquiry results will not be available until 2003.

PLANNING AND PROPERTY

PC no objection (1) *No 20 St John's Way, Hempton* – conservatory. (2) *No 4, The Beeches, Deddington* – convert existing garage to bedroom/library and erect new garage/utility/shower room. (3) *St Anne's, Clifton* – timber summerhouse in grounds
PC objection (4) *Garage/store at Hudson Court, Deddington* – extend office over garage: obtrusive to neighbours; no additional parking; proposal at variance with original permissions. (5) *College House, Hempton* – new dwelling: on-site meeting 1 November to consider neighbours' concerns.

PC queried (a) delay on removing scaffolding at *Philip Allan Updates, Market Place*. (b) unauthorised fascia and hanging sign at *Oxon Estates, High Street*.

D/Cllr O'Sullivan drew attention to new planning procedures which put more responsibility on officials and allow only 21 days for objections etc. If, exceptionally, this deadline cannot be met, CDC to be informed immediately. Parishioners who object to any particular application should write at once to PC and CDC.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- PC awarded £100 Tertiary Education Grant to Alex Soddy.
- PC to obtain estimates for felling and replacing dead/diseased trees on Hempton Road.
- Environment & Conservation Forum at Bodicote House, 14 November.
- Parish Councils Liaison Meeting, 22 November.
- All households in the parish will be offered a 'blue box' for waste paper.
- Improved water heating and disposal at the Town Hall will cost £530.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Cllr Cosgrove reported on the Waste Management Conference at which he represented PC. New targets: recycle/compost at least 33% of household waste by 2015; reduce amount of waste landfill by 65% by 2020 (compared with 1995). He summarised 10 key policy points, ranging from resource management to working together. Cllrs to send views individually to OCC and also complain about short consultation period. Cllr Newey will join PC's Environment & Highways Working Group to pursue this important area of policy.



POLICE PARTNERSHIP

By invitation, Sgt Nick Garrett and PC Bob Donohue addressed the meeting. They outlined changes, since the Crime & Disorder Act, in the 'who does what' of preventing and combatting crime. *Working with our Communities* involves statutory partners and others – Probation Service, CDC, Youth Organisations, Parish Councils etc. Police have had some success with Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and Anti-Social Behaviour Orders. Recruitment is quite good, but it is difficult to retain officers. New hi-tech ways are being found to deal with the huge increase in 999 calls (36%). New centres will handle non-emergency calls.

There is little interest in Neighbourhood Watch.

Discussion focussed on improving the already good liaison between Police and community, largely through communication. Shouldn't the Police office in the Market Place have regular opening hours? Could the office's big windows be used as giant newsboards? Will officers talk to people more?

RESURFACING THE MARKET PLACE

PC were told this would be done 'next week', but it will actually be done next year.

MORE NEWS IN BRIEF

- Tree Preservation Order applied for and approved on The Sycamores, Hempton Road.
- Presentation at Windmill Centre, 17 Nov, for Albert Humphries, who is retiring from Deddington Fire Service after 33 years.
- Proposed sites for Parish noticeboards include Holly Tree Club, Health Centre, School, Hempton Road/Windmill Street corner.
- Library has a video on low-flying aircraft.
- Discussions on the BMX track proposal (£4000) involve the PC, Bowls Club and CDC (grants).
- Following the success of the recent planning meeting for the Golden Jubilee, a second will be held on 19 November.
- Castle Grounds leasing agreement between PC and DCFC will be amended so that the Club may apply for a Football Foundation grant of £100,000+ for improved facilities and a pavilion. PC to ensure terms of lease allow for other uses of the Grounds.

PARISH FINANCES

Invoices passed for payment totalled £9,204.82, including £2,435 John Spencer for Castle Grounds and BKV sign; Inland Revenue £1,531.26 for Income Tax and NI; £1,357.10 DesignGro for grounds maintenance; D Freeman (village steward) £1,252.30 for 5 weeks' wages.

Investments totalled £548,458.17, of which £23,210.70 Barclays (£12,999.71 @ 2.75% on 14 days + £9,784.49 @ 1.3% overnight + £426.50 current account); £19,970 Bradford & Bingley @ 4.45% on 120 days; £505,277.47 West Bromwich @ 5% overnight.

Final Accounts for 2000/2001 show a surplus of £6,788.69 which was transferred to Capital Account

NEXT MEETING: 21 Nov, Town Hall, 7.30pm.

Official minutes of PC meetings may be seen at the Clerk's office and the Library, on parish noticeboards and the village website: www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes

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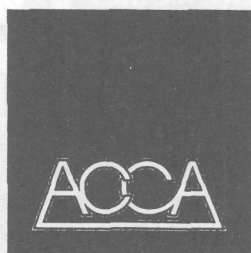
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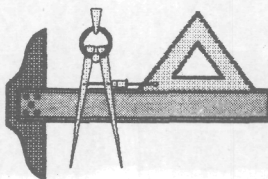
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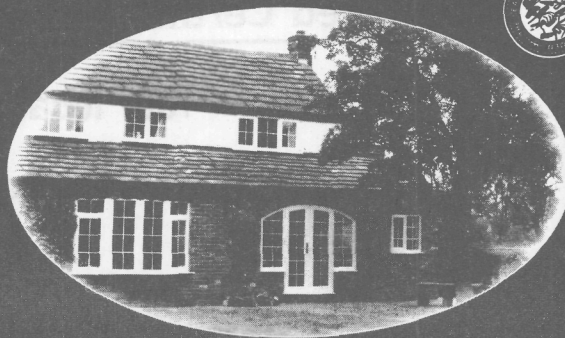
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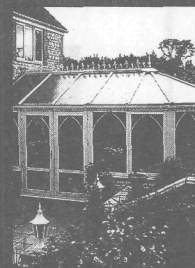


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Our School Council goes from strength to strength and they have recently considered how to help Mrs. Barbara Alt with the upkeep of the school Wild Life Area. A working party of adults and children is needed and Barbara would be grateful for volunteers. If you are interested, please telephone her on: 338207. Mrs. Gina Mumford is also keen to find a volunteer to help her run our school Gardening Club which keeps our school gardens under control. Please ring her on: 338969.

Finally, our grateful thanks to the Friends of Hempton Church and to everyone who contributed to their recent Harvest Festival. We have received a cheque, which has been put towards buying plants for the Quiet Garden area that we are developing in school to provide children and staff with a place of tranquility away from the bustle of everyday life.

LYNNE STEPHENS 338430

...and from the PTA

GRAND FIREWORK DISPLAY

Saturday November 3rd. at the School grounds.
Gates open: 6 pm. Fireworks: 7 pm. Bouncy castle and sideshows. Everyone welcome.

LOUISE LAY 337914

(Ted Johnson has asked us to repeat the short paragraph that appeared in the October issue. Ed.)



Fireworks are fun for most humans but they are terrifying for all animals. In their terror they get confused, run away

from the noise and bright lights and are often lost or injured. Horses and sheep are particularly likely to run into barbed wire. Please think carefully this November before letting off fireworks over horses

and farm livestock in nearby fields. Small caged creatures should be taken into a garage or outbuilding and bonfires ought to be searched for hibernating hedgehogs. If you are having a firework display or bonfire party please warn your neighbours and local farmers – better still, go to your local community display. **RSPCA Helpline: 08705 555999.**

TED JOHNSON

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Come November we turn our thoughts to Remembrance Sunday which this year falls on the 11th. day, when at the 11th. hour we gather round Deddington War Memorial to hear the names of those from our Parish who gave their lives in two World Wars and on the battlefields of Korea.

But this year let us also remember how the Parish greeted her soldiers who returned from the War in South Africa, 1899 to 1902, in which the British lost 5,774 killed and 22,829 wounded while the Boers lost about 4,000 killed. The Parish of Deddington, according to entries in the above magazines, records no deaths but rejoices in the homecoming of three parishioners -

"A very hearty reception was accorded to Private J.H. Vincent (Reservist) of the Oxfordshire Light Infantry upon his return from the War on January 14th., 1901. The horse of the conveyance he arrived in from the station was taken out to the entrance of the town, and he was drawn by his fellow townsmen through the streets to his home."

Another of our Deddington soldiers (Private D. Satchell) returned from the War on March 9th. 1901 and had a very hearty welcome accorded him, similar to that accorded to Private J. Vincent a few weeks before."

"W. Penn, the last of our soldiers, returned from South Africa on October 28th. 1902. He was honoured by the Ringers with the bells, and by the playing of the Drum and Whistle Band."

"Thanksgiving Services for the blessings of peace were held in our three churches on Sunday June 8th. 1902, and collections made on behalf of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association. On the previous Monday, the day the glad news reached the Parish, the bells were rung, flags were hoisted, the school children had a half-holiday and other manifestations of joy were displayed."

RUTH JOHNSON

LEST WE FORGET – NOVEMBER 2001

There are 48 names of those killed in The Great War of 1914-18 on our War Memorial and probably few left who actually knew them.

My Dad fought in Flanders and Pauline and I have walked and photographed most of the battlefields: graves, graves and more graves. This from a Private in the 252nd. Btn. Youth Training Corps - "I spoke to a man on the firestep and got no reply, a sniper had got him. We were up to our thighs in mud and tried to make holes in the side of the trench to sleep. We were constantly strafed – how can you sleep?"

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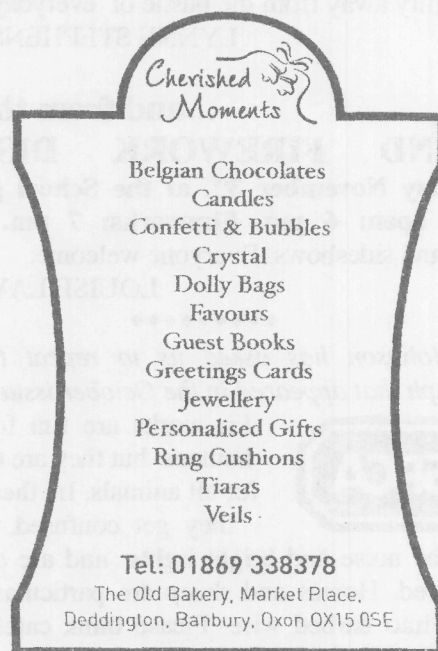
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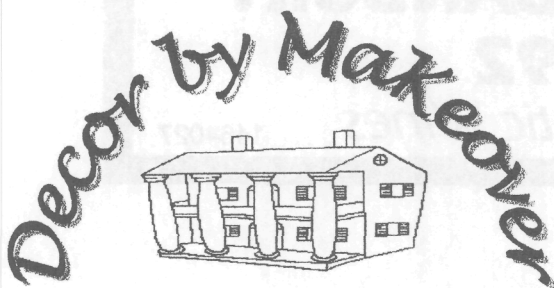
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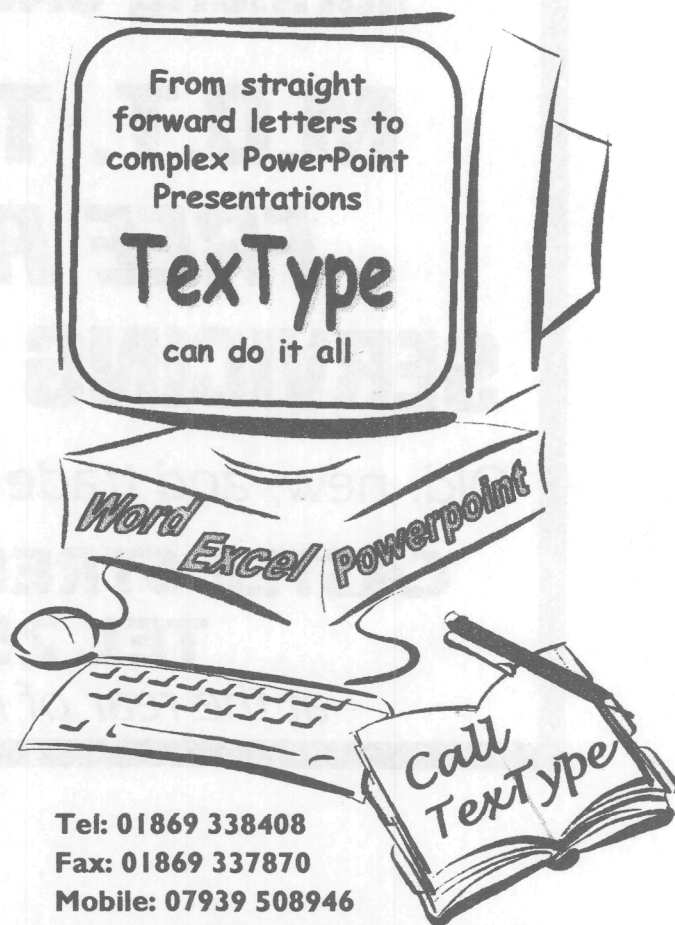
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Fri 2 All Souls Day 6.30 pm. We shall be remembering the Departed by name.

Sun 4 All Saints Sunday 10.30 am. Family Service 6.30 pm. Choral Evensong (BCP)

Wed 7 10 am. Eucharist

Sun 11 Remembrance Sunday Service 11.05 am. Parade moves from the Bullring at 10.45 am. to the War Memorial for the Remembrance and two minutes silence at 11 am.

Wed 14 10 am. Eucharist

Sun 18 2nd. Sunday before Advent 8 am. Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30 am. Sung Mattins (BCP)

Wed 21 10 am. Eucharist

Sun 25 Christ the King 10.30am. Sung Eucharist. 'Aids in Africa' Special speaker: Anne LLoyd-Williams

Wed 28 10 am. Eucharist

Fri 30 St. Andrew the Aposlte 6.30 pm. Eucharist (Incense)

November Services (St John, Hempton)

Sun 4 and 18 9 am. Eucharist

Sun 25 6 pm. Evensong (BCP)

Bible Study Home Group Meetings

Mon Nov. 5 and Mon 19 2.30pm. at 12 The Daedings (Derrick Wincer 338004)

Wed Nov. 7 and Tues 20 7.30pm. for 8 pm. at Boulderdyke, Clifton. (Jean Welford 338539)

Tues Nov 6 and Tues 20 7.30pm. for 8 pm. at 2 The Leyes. (Bill and Liz Dickinson 337050)

The Church Club meets every Monday in term time at the Primary School, 3.15 – 4pm.

If you wish to enquire about weddings, baptisms, funeral, hospital or home visits in case of illness, please get in touch with the Vicar, Revd Dr Hugh White, 28, Duns Tew (349869) or the Churchwardens, George Fenemore (338203) and Ray Sones (338027)

PARISH CHURCH BAZAAR. Saturday October 20. Jean Flux reports that, to-date, the Bazaar has raised £1,481. Very many thanks to all who helped and contributed.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS October 7 DANIEL STEPHEN PLUMBE

DEDDINGTON WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square

First Wednesday of November, 7.30pm. Ecumenical Prayer Group at the Church. On the other Weds. there will be Fellowship & Bible Study, 7.30pm. at 3 Castle Street, or at Cromwell House, Market Place.

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We are now running a Children's Church for 5 – 9 year olds in the Parish Church during the 10.30 am. service every Sunday, except the first

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Sunday of the month when we have a introduces children to the Bible stories includes a craft activity. Children in join in on any Sunday.

If you would like further information, please phone the Vicar on 349869 or Jane Green on 337837.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL Cont.

TRIBUTE

EILEEN ANDREWS Aged 70

Born in London in 1931, Eileen came to Lime Cottage in Deddington over 40 years ago, nursing her mother, Daisy, until she died in the late 1980s. Eileen was a jovial and kind lady who was often seen pushing her famous blue trolley to the local shops, always having time for anyone who fancied a chat and a laugh on the way. She didn't enjoy the best of health herself but would never complain and always asked how you were. After a serious illness, she died in the John Radcliffe, Oxford, on September 24th. Eileen's infectious spirit will be missed by all who knew her.

STEVE MILLER

If Music be the Food of Love... Concert, Parish Church Saturday October 6

On October 6, a young couple, married in the Church just six months ago, gave, with the help of a friend, a most gracious 'thank you' to Deddington in memory of their happy day. Anna Boucher and Nigel Cassidy, accompanied by Anna's husband, sang about love, with operatic flourish and folk song simplicity. Their selection of music was varied, the presentation animated and everyone who came enjoyed it enormously. The proceeds of just over £300 were donated to the Church. Thank you to them all. **JEAN FLUX**

ONE WORLD WEEK As Deddington's share in *One World Week*, Bishop Kenneth Cragg spoke on *Understanding Islam* at the Wesleyan Reform Chapel on October 24. Bishop Cragg's brief exegesis was illuminating and his distinction between 'the secular' and 'secularisation' gave hope of a possible route to accomodation. Dr. Basil Mustafa, from the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, gives the next talk, on October 30. It may be possible to arrange further speakers in this series. All who were present on October 24 will hope so. Our thanks to the Revd Christopher Hall and the Revd Dr Hugh White for bringing the speakers to Deddington and to Pastor Walton for her hospitality at the Wesleyan Reform Chapel. **Ed.**

THE PRINCESS ROYAL TRUST FOR CARERS This year is the 10th. Anniversary of the Trust which was set up to support and help carers. It is estimated that one in six of the population is a carer. In 1992 Jim Flux and Benita Sullivan headed a small group which met in Barford to explore ways to help carers. With support from the PRTC and Oxfordshire Social Services, the group set up the first Carers Centre in England, in Banbury, as an independent charity. The Centre holds a 'drop-in' session each month in Deddington.

Jim Flux is Chairman of the Charity and, on October 17, he had the honour of representing the Centre (which now covers North and West Oxfordshire) at a reception in Buckingham Palace in the presence of The Princess Royal, to celebrate the Trust's 10th. Anniversary.

WHY HERE ? *This month Kate Irvine kicks off our new series profiling comparative newcomers to the Parish. The idea behind the series was to balance the Parish Born and Bred articles we ran last year. Some people have questioned our cut-off date of post 1990. Are we not interested in those who arrived earlier ? Of course we are, but we had to start somewhere ! If readers enjoy the articles, we'd like to make the series on-going and include all who feel inspired to write. It could be a genuinely interesting contribution to current demographic trends. Over to Kate....* **Ed.**

"Three years have already passed since we finally managed to escape the noise and pollution of Hammersmith and moved into our 'House in a Field' on the edge of Deddington. This is how we described it to curious friends and many intitially wondered (some aloud) why we had chosen to live somewhere "so isolated". Well, apart from the peace, the darkness at night, the wonderful sunsets and the clean air, we don't feel isolated at all. We love the position of our house, are lucky to have excellent neighbours (admittedly not very near) and everyone we have met here has been extremely friendly and welcoming in a way that is rare in London.

We were determined to live in a 'real' village, somewhere with plenty of life, not a commuter ghost-town, and Deddington has surpassed our expectations. We may not have launched ourselves headfirst into village activities but we take a keen interest in what's going on - usually updating ourselves over a drink or two in one of the local hostelryes ! I'm sure we'll become more involved in time. We do have to do some commuting, but not on a daily basis, and meanwhile we are trying to tame our 'field', with the aim of creating something attractive and of benefit to birds and insects - although the rabbits will probably enjoy it too ! Now we can also indulge our interests in horse-riding, flying (Alisdair), walking and researching good pub-food. We don't regret our move here for a second."

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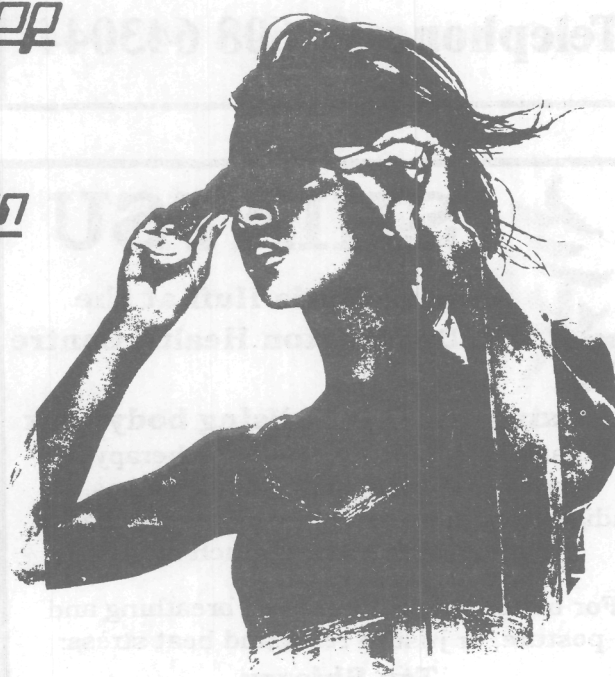
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CALLING ALL CLUBS

Please notify any last minute changes in Club programmes to both Club and Diary Editors

DEDDINGTON BEECHES BOWLS CLUB Now that the season is over our thoughts turn to indoor pursuits and we are holding a Quiz Night on Friday 16 November commencing at 7.30 pm at the Windmill Centre. The cost will be £12.00 per team of four to include refreshments. There will also be a cash bar available to lubricate the 'grey matter'! If you wish to participate, please telephone Chris or **YVONNE TWOMEY 337213**

DEDDINGTON CUBS Many of our cubs have been busy competing this term in both the County Fishing Competition and the Bonner Trophy, where we were representing Banbury District. Well done to everyone who joined in! The Sixers also attended a Sixers Day in Birmingham. The pack has visited the Police Station to complete their community badge and they are now working towards the Home Safety badge and planning their Harry Potter Christmas Party! We have a new pack member James Allison and look forward to welcoming other new cubs when we hold an 'open' evening next term. Keep an eye out for our Christmas post boxes again this year – we will be delivering cards in the Parish during the run up to Christmas. **JO CHURCHYARD 338071**

DEDDINGTON SCOUTS Scouts are thriving again in Deddington thanks to the arrival of our new leaders, Paul and Angela Procter. If you are interested in swelling the numbers and having fun, please contact me or call in any Thursday, 8.00 pm – 9.30 pm at the Windmill Centre. **JO CHURCHYARD 338071**

1ST DEDDINGTON BOYS BRIGADE COMPANY Anchor Boys (Years 1, 2 & 3) We held our first meeting at the School on Wednesday 10 October at 3.15 pm. During October we welcomed Tom, Josh, Sebastian, Joseph, Mark, Benjamin, Ben, Jake and Eddie along to our activities. On Sunday 4 November we will be taking part in the Church parade at 10.15 am. If your son is interested in becoming a member, or if you could help us (Wednesdays 3.15 – 4.30 pm at the School) please call: **NICK WESTBURY 337059**

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB 1st team results: Souldern (a) (Dave Wood Cup) Won 3-1 D Clouston, D Churchill, B Durrant. Barford (h) (Oxfordshire Junior Shield) lost 1-2 C Smith. Souldern (h) (Dave Wood Cup) won 6-0 M Hewitt (2), M Walker (2) D Churchill, B Durrant. Abba (a) (Dave Wood Cup) won 3-1 B Durrant (2), D Clouston. The past month has been dominated by Cup matches. Three more victories in the Dave Wood Cup have ensured the 1st team top their group, and progress to the semi-finals stage of the tournament. Darren Churchill and Ben Durrant scored in both matches against Souldern, Marc Walker scored 2 in the home game. Reserve team results: Steeple Aston Res (h) (George Reynolds Cup) won 3-2 M Doggett, P Kirsopp, G Smith. Sinclair Res (a) lost 0-4. Lesme (h) won 6-3 J Rowlands (2), S Colley, G Smith, M Smith, G Mitchell. The Reserve Side have also had a good month, winning 2 and losing 1. An extra time winner from Gary Smith secured victory against Steeple Aston Res. Phil Kirsopp and Mark Doggett were also on target in the same match. Matthew Smith and Sam Colley were amongst the scorers in the league victory against Lesme. **75 Club Winners** 28.9.01 - W Brain £50, 5.10.01 - P Pingold £50, 12.10.01 - P Trinder £50, 19.10.01 - T Howard £50. **STEVE PLUMBE 01295 278258**

DEDDINGTON 1ST GUIDES After our super summer camp in the sun, we've been busy with a variety of patrol activities and a pets' evening. Our most exciting event was our 30th Anniversary Party. Various councillors and local notables attended as well as some ex-guides. We had great fun thinking back 30 years to the start and looking back through photos, even some black and white ones! We were lucky enough to have our picture and story in the Banbury Guardian. This reported our fun toilet tent race, campfire singing which everyone enjoyed and of course the celebration cake. It's great to think that so many, many girls have progressed through the unit, hopefully to go on and become good citizens. I have 3 guides at present who are daughters of previous guides ... we hope we can go forward with support from the community as demonstrated by our guests. Post Box Coming soon, last two weekends before Christmas, our Christmas Postal Collection and Delivery Service. Please show your support by helping to raise funds for the Guide/Scout/Brownie/Cub Group. Post your Christmas cards with us! Boxes will be available in local shops. Many thanks.

MAGGIE RAMPLEY 01295 810069 and GLYNIS EASTWOOD 01869 334021

DEDDINGTON SONG CIRCLE We meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month and our next meeting is on 6 November at 8.00 pm. Please ring me for details. We sing our favourite songs for pleasure, not performance, although we have been known to perform! **ANNETTE MURPHY 337318**

DEDDINGTON LIFE & PORTRAIT ART GROUP We meet every Thursday 10-12.30, 1.30 -4 pm and pay £5 per session. A non-profit making untutored class which is friendly, supportive and uses a variety of media techniques and styles. All welcome. Please ring for further information, or just turn up at the Town Hall. Paid models, clothed if wished, are always needed. **ANNETTE MURPHY 337318 or Frank Palmer 01608 659330**

CALLING ALL CLUBS contd.

DEDDINGTON & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY At our October meeting Donald Lane spoke about the history of the Oxford hospitals. Donald is known to most of us for his music, but his previous existence as a GP has given him an interest in medical history that he has pursued since retirement. He ranged astonishingly widely in only an hour, but of course could cover only part of the subject. To judge from the enthusiastic reaction this is a topic to which we shall have to return. On Wed. 14 Nov. Barry Davis will talk on 'Bells and Bellringers'. The topic will appeal to everyone who enjoys the performance (and practices!) of our own outstanding team of ringers and would like to know more about this ancient art. On Wed. Dec. 12 we plan another of the Christmas socials that have proved popular in the past. Meetings, as usual, at the Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. **CHRIS DAY 337204**

MONDAY MORNING CLUB The November coffee morning is on Monday 5, 10 am – noon, as usual, but on Monday 3 Dec. we meet at the NOC restaurant for Christmas Lunch at 12.30. If you haven't yet booked or chosen your menu, please do so as soon as possible. I have three tickets for the Royal Shakespeare Company production of *Alice in Wonderland* on 5 Dec. and two for *Chicago* at the Apollo on 19 Dec. These are now available to anyone over 60 – you don't have to be a member of the Club. For information ring **JEAN FLUX 338153**

DEDDINGTON PLAYERS In spite of the gloomy weather, we had an excellent attendance at the pantomime auditions, including some very welcome helpers on the technical side. Thank you all for your support. By the time you read this, the cast will have been chosen and we shall all be starting work. Don't forget to mark the performance dates, 17 – 19 January, in your diaries. **JEAN FLUX 338153**

FRIENDSHIP CLUB Greetings from the Friendship Club. At our September meeting Mrs Ault gave a vivid outline of the life of the people of Croatia. Croatia is largely forested land leaving little room for industry. The people therefore rely on agriculture, crafts and fishing for their main source of income which is around £100 per month; even so they are happy. The Harvest Lunch was a well supported happy occasion and the following social meeting was enjoyable. Thanks were given to the Committee and helpers for a successful afternoon. On 2 Nov. we are having a quiz and games afternoon. Why not come and enjoy yourselves at the Windmill Centre at 2.30 pm. All new members are welcome. **GWEN BOND 337354**

DEDDINGTON W I Our October meeting consisted of members enjoying a 'bring and share' Harvest Supper, discussing future arrangements and generally enjoying each other's company. We had a Group Meeting on 17 October where six W Is got together and October saw Deddington WI as the hostess Institute responsible for the meeting. 72 members attended an excellent evening at the Windmill Centre. News from the Federation, a most entertaining speaker, plenty of food, and a warm and welcoming atmosphere made this a pleasant and worthwhile meeting. On 13 November Paul Bramble will talk on 'Fire Safety in the Home'. **RENE MAHONY 338438**

DEDDINGTON BABIES AND TODDLERS GROUP The toddlers have had an energetic few weeks! We successfully completed our Toddle Waddle in aid of the Meningitis Trust. Many thanks to everyone who sponsored us. Last week we hired a bouncy castle to wear out the children! The committee have made plans for the next few months. Watch for details of the Christmas Party, Spring outing and parents' nights out. On Nov. 9 we look forward to our Christmas Fair, with children's clothes, books and other stalls and on Nov. 16 we will have a visit from the photographer. Regrettably from Nov. 1, due to increased costs, our charges will be £1.50 per family per session. This still represents great value for money – including tea/coffee/squash/biscuits, a friendly atmosphere in which to meet other parents and carers and a fun-packed morning for your children. Any profits made are ploughed back into the group. Lots of new members have joined us recently – welcome to all. If you are a new parent, new to the area, or haven't got round to finding us yet, we would love to meet you. We are at the Windmill Centre every Friday from 9.30 – 11.30 am. **LUCY SQUIRES 338442**

DEDDINGTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB AND BRANCH The Branch held a successful Harvest Festival which raised over £190 – thanks to all contributors. The Annual Service of Remembrance is on Sunday 11 November. As many Branch and Club members as possible should meet at the Bull Ring for 10-45 am to march to the War Memorial for 11 am. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due for 2001/2002 £10 per annum (men over 65 and ladies over 60 on 1 October 2001 - £7-50). The Club premises have recently undergone a refit and members old and new are invited to enjoy the new facilities.

RAY MORRIS (Branch Secretary) 338143 and HUGH MORRIS (Club Secretary) 338449

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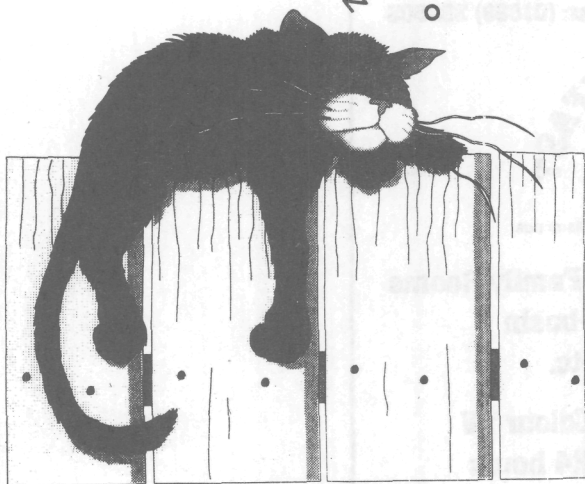
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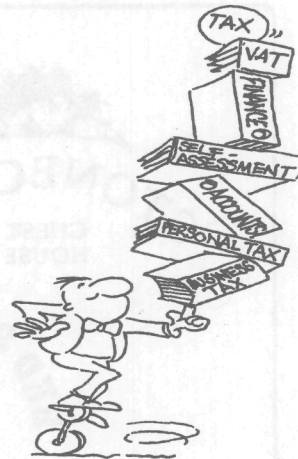
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FROM CAROL LARGE, 7 THE PADDOCKS, DEDDINGTON

I was somewhat annoyed with the contents of the (September) Parish Council Report published in the October DN. The report states that, "PC objected to 7 The Paddocks – new house in garden." This, as I know many councillors are aware, is not the case. The Application is for land **adjacent** to 7, The Paddocks and is certainly not in my garden. This point was clarified once again with CDC and amended notices were sent out. Although I fully appreciate the support of the Parish Council concerning planning application for land adjacent to No. 7, I would request that an amendment is placed in the DN stating that the Planning Application applies not to the property of 7 The Paddocks but, in fact, to land adjacent to 7 The Paddocks. This is a point I feel very strongly about. I'm sure you will appreciate I do not want neighbours pointing at me for something that I am completely opposed to myself.

*(This is a copy of Carol Large's letter to the PC. The DN's Oct. PC Report was correct, but we appreciate that the reference has caused the writer concern. The DN does **not** publish the Minutes of PC Meetings, merely a summary of their main points. See bottom of page 2. Ed.)*

FROM MARTIN HAYWARD, HEMPTON ROAD, DEDDINGTON

I am writing in support of Mrs. Williamson's letter in your last issue, and in so doing to express my own view and that of many others. Many of us can remember that, after the sale of the Windmill School site and the setting up of the Windmill Centre and its facilities, the Parish Council had approximately £1.25 millions in hand, plus accrued interest. Now it appears, we have £552,000, so that means that £700,000 must have been spent. It is clear that with falling interest rates we will soon dip even more into capital if other expenses occur. A number of distinguished former Parish Councillors put much time and effort into providing what we have and putting Deddington into a solid financial position. I think that they, like me, would be concerned at the present low level of Parish funds. I would suggest we spend no more of the capital for three years and let the interest roll up, then spend more wisely.

Finally, may I say how nice it is that we won a Best Kept Village Award. It would have been nice to see Mr. Boss in the photograph in the local press. He works hard, weather permitting, at keeping the grass cut, and as we all know, with long grass Deddington would have won nothing.

(Copies of letters relating to PC matters are sent to the Parish Clerk. Ed.)

FROM MARGARET SHARPE & TANYA CHADWICK (On behalf of PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA)

Many thanks to everyone who sponsored us so generously for the parachute jump. It looks as though the final profit will be over £800, which seems a huge amount of money, especially as we had a fun weekend and a memorable and exciting experience – even one which we would both repeat! Our jump was just one of the ongoing fund raising efforts of the PTA Association, which seem to get bigger and better as the years go by. As you probably know, Deddington School playground will eventually be relocated at the back of the school, and the present play area will become a car park. Your sponsor money will help provide extra play facilities and make the whole space an interesting and safe place for the children. This, with the two new classrooms, will ensure that Deddington School children have much improved resources. Thank you again for your encouragement, your time, your enthusiasm and of course your money, without which the above would not be possible.

FROM DAVID ROLLASON, DEDDINGTON. (On behalf of DEDDINGTON COLTS FC)

A 'Foul' Deed at the Castle Grounds. The PC recently provided two new signs at the Castle Grounds, politely requesting dog owners to 'clear up' their dogs' messes. Within 48 hours the signs had been removed. Fortunately they have been retrieved and re-erected. Perhaps those responsible for the removal do not understand the public health dangers associated with dog faeces. Toxocariasis is an infection that can result from contamination by dog faeces. At its most extreme this may cause blindness in humans. Dog faeces may contaminate cuts or grazes sustained while children are at play and several types of infection can result. The most dangerous of these is tetanus which can be lethal in the unvaccinated. It is also possible to contract cellulitis. So may I appeal to dog owners to act responsibly when exercising their dogs in public places. Doing so will enable all parts of the community to enjoy life.

(Editor's Postbag continues on next page.)

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG *Cont. from previous page*

FROM DOREEN AND KEN SMITH, THE MEWS, MARKET PLACE, DEDDINGTON

Sincere thanks to all friends in Deddington for their kind help and support with visits and transport, during Ken's problems. We really do appreciate your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.



CLEAN UP PARISH DAY

Fiona Gillespie's photograph of smiling volunteers in the Market Place last month.

Betty Hill reminds all members of **Deddington Gardeners** that they can ask for a 5% discount at Burford Garden Centre and 10% at Chipping Norton and Buckingham Garden Centres if they show their card and quote 001027.

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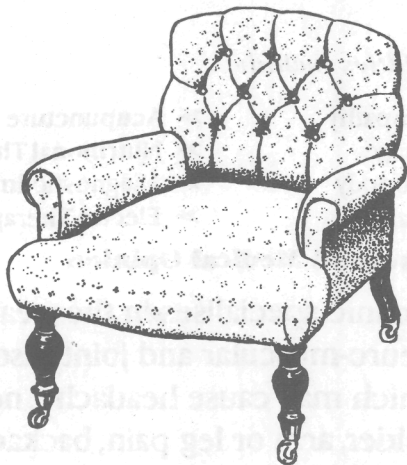
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Norman Stone 338019

GARDENING NOTES

While we are busy dismantling the garden for winter, Elizabeth Tothill in Gozo is planting the most exotic trees. I thought I'd just tell you a bit about it. Her Nurseryman turned up with Citrus trees of all kinds, pink and white Oleander, Bird of Paradise plants (they are the strange-looking *Strelitzia*) a Pomegranate and Olives. We wish her luck with all that planting and hope it all settles into a beautiful garden.

In Philcote Street things are more ordinary. I have finally abandoned the idea of having a flower bed under the Walnut Tree. There is not enough light and the tree takes all the moisture, so we have got out all the plants there. I thought the very low, early blue Iris would do there, but no, it didn't like it. So instead we have planted Hostas and Alchemilla; both have gold awards for personal survival.

The last of the bedding stuff is in, the Begonias wrapped in newspaper, the Geraniums cut down and potted up. They stand on trays in the conservatory where they look pretty awful all the winter, but that seems to be the way they live to see another season. We have helped the Winter Pansy trade along by buying a few trays and planting out some containers with them. But for a real show you need thousands, and I always give the beds round the Banbury Cross and the Oxford Ring Road roundabouts an envious look.

Next month we shall be launching ourselves into Christmas decorations. So see if you can stop your birds from eating all the Holly Berries until then.

MARIANNE ELSLEY

(There is no Allotment News this month, Thelma Dover has been in Paris. Can we look forward to hearing about the *courges* in the Tuileries, the *haricots verts* in the Bois de Boulogne ? Ed.)

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Events – i.e. restoration work – conspired to thwart the setting up of our display in the Parish Church this year, but it's firmly on the agenda for 2002. Also on that agenda is a family picnic around midsummer to celebrate

HM's Jubilee – or any other reason you care to choose. The programme will probably be similar to that of our Millennium picnic last year, but if you have any other ideas, do let us know.

Many thanks to Nancy White for monitoring the damselflies this summer. By chance George and I came upon an entomologist on some obscure mission in the RSPB reserve on Otmoor. He became quite excited when we told him of our damselflies, especially the Beautiful Demoiselle, and plans to visit them next summer.

As for Daeda's Wood itself, I went down there recently after an absence of some weeks. And standing in the middle of what is now quite unarguably a wood I confess to a momentary surge of civic pride.

Sylvie Spenceley 338995



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THE WAY WE WERE Deddington 150 years ago by Buffy Heywood

Deddington's 'Pudding Pie Fair' was always held in November and lasted, from memory, until about 20 years ago. It was so called because of the plum pudding baked in a hard crust of pastry made for the occasion. The following is a description of the one held in 1863 given in Jackson's Oxford Journal :-

Pudding Pie Fair – Our winter fair, which was held on the 23rd instant, was of the usual quiet character and passed off without any remarkable incident. There was a fair supply of young horses, and we understand that, where they changed hands, tolerable prices were realised. There was the usual display of stalls, shooting galleries, a theatre, photographic establishment, etc., and all seemed to have a pretty good share of patronage. Altogether it was as good a fair as we have had for years, towards which a fine day no doubt mainly contributed.

(As an example of 'damning with faint praise' this would be hard to beat ! Ed.)

ON THE FARM



The grain crops for next year are now all in the ground with some 45 acres of winter beans left to plough in at the start of November.

The damp mild conditions of the last few weeks have got the crops off to a good start so we should have some good stands of wheat before winter sets in if we can keep the hoards of grey slugs at bay until we get some frost. The open autumn weather has kept the grass growing in the meadows and we have been able to finish all but 120 of the lambs. The best of these we shall run on to finish after Christmas, with the longer-keep lambs sold on for whatever we can get. The ewes have been sorted out and the numbers reduced. The rams will go out in the first week of November. With the first lambs being born at the start of April this is a month later than usual but as we could be short of winter feed and with the need to cut the production costs the ewes will not come in until 5 weeks before they lamb and should go out onto some good grass without the need for a lot of hand feeding.

We have had a good season with the bees this year. The warm autumn has allowed them to forage on a good crop of tree ivy to build up their stocks of winter food and I have now put them to bed for the winter with a good supper of sugar syrup just to make sure they have enough food to see them through until next Spring. I have also given them a treatment for the dreaded Varroa mite.

I started bee-keeping as an interesting hobby but with the ravages of Foot and Mouth and the savage decline in farming incomes they have become an important source of much-needed extra income. As tenant farmers, most of the farm diversification options that we hear so much about are not available to us and bee-keeping is one extra activity the landlord doesn't object to. It may be small beer to some but when the chips are down every little helps. It is one thing that the regulators have not regulated yet and can be expanded without quotas or a lot of expense. The down side is that the extra bees will need extra time to work so most, if not all, of my responsibilities away from the farm will have to be given up.

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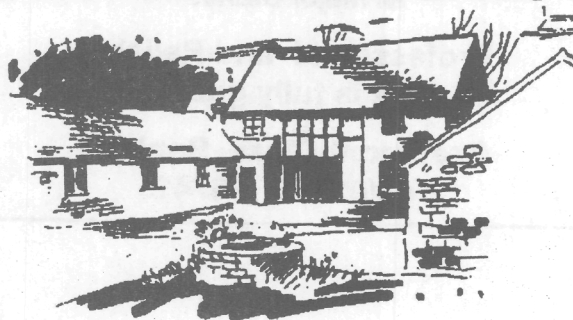
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The table tennis team have started the season defending the championship – they won last season. Their record at the moment is played 3, won 2, lost 1. There are 22 matches this time so it will be a long season.

Plans are under way for the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 8 December at 2.00pm. We are hoping for a bumper one this time as much needed repairs must be done to the Church during the next year. Any suitable gifts, bottles, cakes, prizes etc. will be most welcome. We are also running a large draw with very nice prizes. If you can help by selling tickets, please let me know.

At the recent Friends of Hempton Church A.G.M. the following people were elected to serve on the committee for the next 12 months : Mavis Barton, Pam Dodd, Leah Calcutt, John Temple-Smith, Alan Collins, Ray Sones, John Sampson and Les Chappell. Kath Morris was co-opted to oversee the Christmas Bazaar with help from others. It is hoped to run more events next year starting with a wine tasting evening possibly in March, depending on S.H.Jones of Banbury being available. Details of this to follow shortly. I urgently need news for this column, however large or small. Please let me know before the 20th of each month what you would like included in the next issue.

LES CHAPPELL 338054

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

It must be the lull before the seasonal storm as there is nothing to report from Clifton this month. If you have any news, views or items of interest for the December edition of Deddington News please call me on the number below, e-mail Jananem@ccn.go-free.co.uk, or stop me if you see me out and about with the beagles. Don't worry about whether it is interesting enough – if something is interesting to you then the chances are others in the village will want to know about it. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Recruiting : We have had 3 more enquiries from people thinking of joining, of which 2 will be able to give some day cover, which will help considerably. However we could still do with some more.

Smoke detectors : Readers will have noted that one of the calls above was to a canal boat on fire. The occupants were very lucky because one of them woke up and smelt smoke and managed to wake the others, 2 of whom were taken to hospital suffering from smoke inhalation. People are always being urged to fit smoke detectors in their homes. Even if they are holidaying in a boat, a caravan or even a tent that is their home for a set period and it is just as important to have smoke detectors in there as well.

It's over and out : By the time this is read my time as a firefighter with Oxfordshire Fire Service will have come to an end because I retire on 31 October after 33 years' service, 19 as Officer in charge of the Station. Exciting, sometimes sad - but nevertheless something that I feel very proud to have done.

I would like to pay tribute to all of the people who have served with me ever since I joined on 1 October 1968. There is a special bond between firefighters and very strong camaraderie, and I consider that I have been with some of the best. I would also like to say 'thank you' to all those who served during my time as O.I.C. for their help and support. One person does not make a Station, it's teamwork and I think we've had a brilliant team.

As I write this I am feeling quite emotional. For 33 years I have been totally dedicated to the Fire Service and I know that I am going to miss it terribly. Finally I wish everyone at Station A8 all the very best for the future, and with that it really is over and out.

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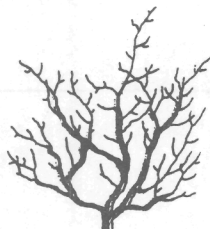
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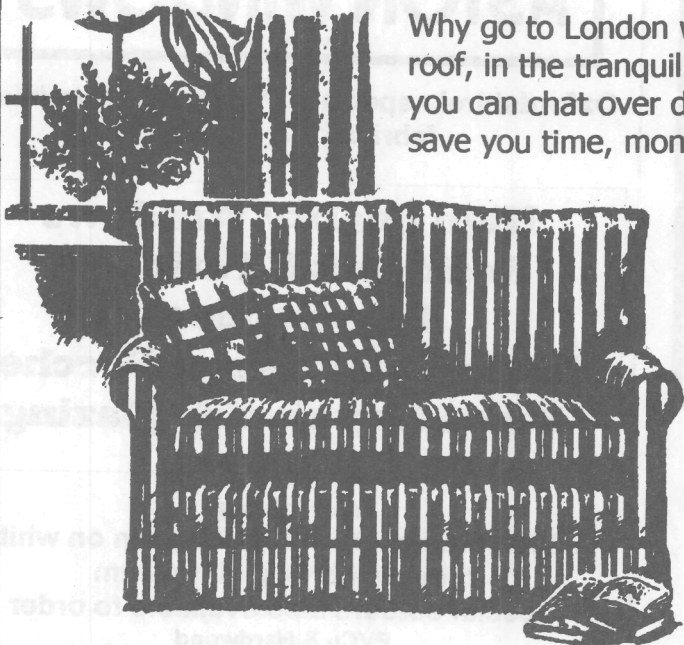
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Sat	8	Calypso Band, Parish Church, 7.30 pm.
Sat	8	Hempton Church Christmas Bazaar 2 pm. (p.13)
Tue	11	W I: Christmas Party, The Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
Wed	12	Friendship Club: Christmas Lunch at The Duke of Cumberland.
Wed	12	Deddington History Society Christmas Social, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. (p.8)
Wed	19	Monday Morning Club bus for <i>Chicago</i> leaves Market Place, 1.30 pm. Performance starts 2.30 pm
Wed	19	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.

NO DEDDINGTON NEWS IN JANUARY.

Reminder: If you are planning a village event and consult the diary editor before you fix the final date, she will be able to advise you whether any other group already has plans for the same day that might draw off your potential support. Of course, if you then register your fixture with her well in advance, she will be able to advise other groups to avoid competition.

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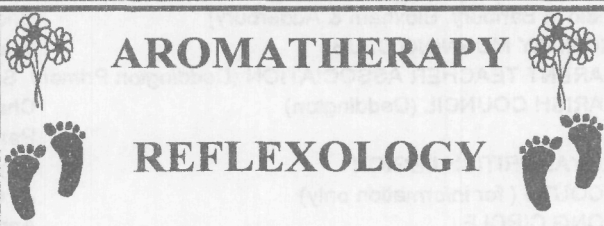
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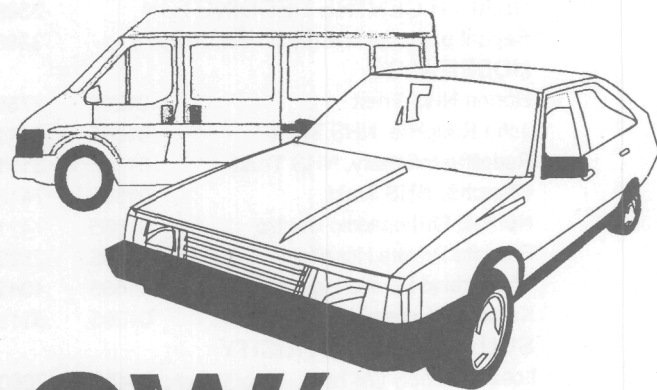
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